

PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
PATENT APPLICATION**

App./Confirm No.: 10/728,139 / 6730
Applicant: Nakamoto et al.
Filing Date: December 4, 2003
Title: **METAL PLATING APPARATUS
AND PROCESS**

Atty. Docket: JP919990277US2
Today's Date: June 4, 2007
Examiner: Lois L. Zheng
Group Art Unit: 1742

Petition for One Month Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a)(1)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants filed an RCE and an amendment on February 9, 2007 which was within the 3 month period of time for response to the Final Office Action of December 4, 2006. A Notice of Improper Request for RCE was mailed by the Office on May 1, 2007. Applicants made a bona fide attempt to provide a complete response in the response filed on February 9, 2007. As such, Applicants respectfully submit that the RCE tolls the period for reply so Applicants have one month from the date of mailing of the Notice of Improper Request for RCE which is June 1, 2007 in order to provide a response to the Notice of Improper Request for RCE (see MPEP 706.07(h)VI and Form Paragraph 7.42.08).

Therefore, Applicants request a one month extension of time to extend the period for response to July 1, 2007. Please charge Applicants' deposit account, 09-0456, a fee of \$120 for a one month extension of time which is due by virtue of this petition, and for any additional fee that the PTO determines is due.

JP919990277US3

Respectfully Submitted,

For: Nakamoto et al.,

By: ___/Anthony J. Canale/_____
Anthony J. Canale
Registration No. 51,526
Agent for Applicants
Phone: (802) 769-8782
Fax: (802) 769-8938
Email: acanale@us.ibm.com

IBM Corporation
Intellectual Property Law - Zip 972E
1000 River Street
Essex Junction, Vermont 05452